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Florence, March 17. N. S.

A General Chapter of the Order of St. Stephen will be held at Pisa within a Week after the Festival of Easter. The Grand Duke being Sovereign of that Order, this Court will go thither within few Days, and be followed by the foreign Ministers residing here. Letters from Rome of the 5th Instant, say, that the Publick Diversions are ended without any Disorder. The most remarkable Entertainment on this Occasion was a Masquerade of fifteen Roman Gentlemen, which was presented as a Conclusion of the Carneval. In this Mask were exhibited the Triumphs of *Virtue, Beauty and Valour*, personated by the Young Princess Pamphilio, the Dutchess of Segni, and Prince Alexander of Poland. The Pope appeared the same Day at St. Peters, but found his Indisposition so much increased by it, that he could not assist at the publick Functions on Ash-Wednesday. It is believed the Differences between his Holiness and the Duke of Ajaou are finally accommodated, to the Satisfaction of that Prince, because Monsieur Molinez, who refused to enter again on the Execution of his Employments, till all Matters were adjusted between the Courts of Rome and Madrid, has lately acted in publick Affairs after his usual manner: And this Morning a Courier passed through this Place from Rome, in his way to Genoa, with Letters, which, as he reported, give an Account of that Agreement. Letters from Naples, of the 4th Instant, say, that several English and Dutch Vessels were lately arrived at Tarentum, under Convoy of two Men of War, in order to transport Corn to Barcelona, and that the Convoy had taken a French Merchantman in their Passage. It is further advised, that an English Man of War had taken a French Tartane laden with Corn on the Coast of Calabria; and that six Feluccas, which sailed from Reggio towards Melazzo, were returned with a Prize belonging to Lipari, which gave Intelligence, that a new Galliot was lately Shipwrecked on the Coast of Gaeta. These Letters add, that Don Antonio Diaz was made Secretary of War; and that a German Regiment of Horse, and another of Foot, were to be sent over to Catalonia, as soon as the Army should take the Field.

Turin, March 12. N. S. Last Wednesday a Courier arrived here from the Hague, with Advice, that the Allies had granted Passports for the French Ministers to come on the Frontiers of Holland, whereupon his Royal Highness immediately dispatched a Courier to the Hague, with his last Instructions to his Ministers in that Place. On the 9th Instant his Royal Highness, with the Dutchess Consort and the young Princes, went to his Palace called the Venerie, where they design to continue some time, but will come to this City every Friday during Lent, in order to perform some particular Acts of Devotion. The Dutchess hath lately been indisposed, but it is hoped she will soon be perfectly recovered by the Change of Air. The Preparations for the Campaign are continued with all Diligence. Several Recruits for the foreign Battalions in the Service of his Royal Highness arrive here daily from Germany, and great Numbers of Horses are brought in to augment the Cavalry. His Royal Highness being informed, that a Person employed by the Company, who have engaged to supply the French with considerable Quantities of Corn for furnishing the Magazines in Dauphiné, had been at Genoa and Leghorn to buy up that Commodity, from whence they designed to transport it to Marseilles and Antibes. Directions have been given for fitting out all the armed Barks that can be procured at Oneglia, and it is hoped that we shall intercept that Transport. Two Vessels belonging to that Port have lately

taken two French Prizes, one laden with Ammunition, and bound for Sicily, and another with Merchandize from Marseilles for the Levant. Last Week a British Man of War arrived at Genoa, with forty Officers from Barcelona, who are sent by Marschal Staremberg to solicit the speedy March of the German Troops, and of the Recruits designed for Spain.

Venice, March 12. N. S. On Monday last the Doge, attended by the Nobility, visited the Arsenal of this City, and gave Orders that the Cannon which was cast last Year in the Presence of the King of Denmark should be sent to Copenhagen, as a Present from this Republick to his Danish Majesty. The Emperor having proposed to sell the Duchy of Mirandola, several of the Italian Princes have offered large Sums, but it is supposed that the Duke of Modena will be the Purchaser. The Alexander Galley is arrived here from Bristol, and the Weston Galley sailed on the 7th Instant for Zante, to take in a Cargo of Currans for the same Port. This State hath lately disbanded twenty Companies of Soldiers; so that now there are very few Troops continued in their Pay. We are advised from Lombardy, that they have received great Remittances of Money for the Payment of the Prussian Soldiers, and that considerable Reinforcements are daily expected out of Germany for the Imperial Troops. They write from Naples, that sixteen British Transports were arrived at Tarento, under Convoy of two Dutch Men of War. Admiral Pallavicini is preparing three Men of War and several Vessels fit for receiving large Cargoes to join that Fleet, and designs to sail as soon as they have taken in their Lading of Corn to Barcelona. These Letters add, that part of the Revenue of the Kingdom of Naples was allotted for the Payment of the Imperial Troops in Italy, and that the President Giovane was appointed to be the Receiver and Distributer of that Money.

Brussels, March 31. N. S. Lieutenant-General Cadogan returned to this Place from the Hague on the 23d Instant. On the 24th a Courier from Gerruydenberg passed through this Place in his way to Paris. Great Numbers of able Bodied Men have lately arrived here to reinforce the Confederate Army; and all the Troops are almost compleat. The Intrenchments at Commynes, Verwick and Warwinton are entirely finished; and the greatest Diligence is used in sending the Forage up the Lys for the use of the Magazines of Lille and Tournay. Great numbers of Boats are already gone up the Lys, and others are daily passing with Loading for that Service. Advice from Douay say, that on the 13th Instant the Enemy marked out some new Fortifications without the Gate that leads to Lille; but soon after quitted that Work, and had employed three hundred Men on a new Hornwork without the Gate that looks towards Valenciennes; that Garrison had been lately reinforced with two Regiments from Cambray, and consisted of fourteen Battalions and eight Squadrons. On the 24th some Waggons laden with Cloaths and Money arrived from Arras, but the Quantity was far beneath the Occasions, or Expectation of the Soldiers. The Garrison endured such Misery before they received this Supply, that when they lately reviewed the Troops, the Officers were apprehensive of a General Mutiny, if they had drawn them up on the usual Place of coming to their Arms without the City, and therefore thought it requisite to review them in their Quarters. Some time after fifty Soldiers, who were appointed to guard an advanced Post, took that Occasion to desert in a Body to the Allies. These Letters add, that the Marschal d'Aragnan is intrusted with the Command of the Troops until the opening of the Campaign, at which time they propose to form three Bodies, one to be commanded by the Marshal d'Aragnan, consisting of twenty thousand